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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Janice Sylvia Fienberg Rothbaum of Urbana, who passed away on July 21, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Janice Rothbaum was born in Bennington, Vermont on August 9, 1924 to Harry and Anna Fienberg; she graduated from Bennington High School in 1942 as valedictorian of the senior class; she received a degree in radio journalism from Syracuse University and pursued a career in radio at stations in Boston, Massachusetts and upstate New York; she married Melvin Rothbaum in 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Janice Rothbaum and her family lived in Europe for a year and then in Los Angeles, California for 6 years, finally settling in Champaign-Urbana in 1962; when her children reached their teens, she went back to school and earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois; she worked at the Adler Mental Health Center with emotionally disturbed and developmentally disabled children, eventually becoming Director of Social Work and Community Services for a 16-county area; she also worked for the Urbana public schools and in private practice; in 1982, she was voted Social Worker of the Year for her district; and

1 WHEREAS, Upon retirement, Janice Rothbaum and her husband
2 embarked on a series of travel adventures around the world,
3 exploring 5 continents; she also pursued a lifelong dream to be
4 on the stage, performing in at least 40 roles at the Station
5 Theatre, Parkland College, the Krannert Center, and various
6 other venues; the conclusion to her acting career was the lead
7 role in the play "4,000 Miles" at the Station Theatre; the
8 closing performance coincided with her 90th birthday, which the
9 sold-out theater then celebrated; she enjoyed good food and
10 entertaining and was a gourmet cook; and

11 WHEREAS, Janice Rothbaum was preceded in death by her 2
12 brothers, George and Bernard; and

13 WHEREAS, Janice Rothbaum is survived by her husband of 67
14 years, Melvin; her 2 children, Susan and Jeremy; and her 2
15 grandchildren, Nicholas and Liberty; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Janice Sylvia Fienberg Rothbaum, and extend our sincere
19 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 her; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Janice Rothbaum as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.